

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 are allowed. Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled by this amendment. Only allowed subject matter remains in the application. Allowance of claims 1-3 of the application is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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